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Appomattox a candidate

State seeks site for radioactive disposal

Appomattox is one of 18 counties in Virginia being considered by the Virginia Department of Health for location of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.

Areas totaling approximately 2,000 square miles in Virginia have been identified as suitable for such a waste-disposal site. Other areas which are being considered include parts of Amherst, Bedford, Brunswick, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Halifax, Hanover, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, and Prince Edward Counties.

A spokesman for the Virginia Solid Waste Commission said the area in Appomattox being studied for possible disposal-site location includes "a large portion of the county," exculding the Town of Appomattox, a corridor extending from the town southwest to the county line and a portion of the county near its western border near the James River.

Other areas of the state were excluded from consideration on the basis of federal regulations related to geological values, and other technical criteria.

The Virginia Soild Waste Commission is conducting a public participation program in conjunction with the State Health Department's siting study for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. The purpose of the public participation program is to give citizens in the affecte areas and across the state a voice in the siting process.

There will be numerous opportunities for public involvement during the course of study. A toll-free hotline is operating through January 24. The number is 1-800-552-2038. Citizens are encouraged to use the hotline to ask questions and express their ideas and concerns about the disposal site study. Following the hotline, citizens may contact the Soild Waste Commission at P.O. Box 3-Ag, Richmond, Virginia 23208, (804) 786-381

Over the coming months, the Commission's representative, Mrs. Kitty Cox, will be visiting the search areas to meet with local officials and community leaders. Representatives from the program will begin working with focus groups of citizens representing a cross-section of the public in order to learn about concerns and receive input for the study.

There will also be meetings with planning district commission staffs in thne search areas to discuss the siting study and the criteria to be used in the remainder of the study.

The media will be used extensively throughout the program to inform citizens of the issues and keep them up to date on current developments. Commission represevtatives will be seeking opportunities for radio and TV interviews in the search areas as the siting study progresses.

All of this will be done in conjunction with Phase II of the siting study, which will narrow the search areas down to six candidate sites. This phase should be completed by mid-to-late spring.

Shortly after the candidate sites are identified, two public meetings will be held in each of the six communities to explain the technical considerations to be used in the remainder of the study and gather citizen input on how the site will be selected, operated, and managed.

"Two-way communication is basic to meaningful public participation," Mrs. Cox said. "We want to receive public comment and channel it where it will be most effective, and at the same time, we'll keep citizens informed on the issue."

The final phase of the siting study will be completed by next fall with the identification of a site and three alternatives. Citizens are encouraged to express their concerns to the Solid Waste Commission throughout this time. All public input gathered through meetings and personal contacts will be forwarded to the Health Department to become a part of the decision-making process.

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY BOARD of Supervisors has issued a proclamation designating Jan. 16-22 as "Anti-Cold Homes Week" in the county. Citing cuts in federal funding for fuel programs, the approaching cold season, and the effects of unemployment, the proclamation asks Appomattox Countians to continue their tradition of helping others in need. In the above photo, Mrs. Virginia Carnefix (left) and Mrs. Peggy Lawson look on as Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, signs the proclamation. Anyone wishing to donate money, time or wood, and anyone needing assistance is asked to contact Mrs. Carnefix, Mrs. Lawson, or Richard Martin at the Appomattox Welfare Department.

Baby prizes unclaimed

The Times-Virginian in cooperation with area businesses is, again this year, sponsoring a First Baby of the Year contest. But, as of press time, Appomattox County does not have a First Baby of 1983.

When the first baby of 1983 for this county does arrive, the baby and his or her parents will be the lucky winners of a wide variety of prizes and services offered by area merchants and businesses.

To be eligible for the contest, a baby and his or her parents must be residents of Appomattox County.

Watch for an announcement in next week's issue of the Times-Virginian as to the winner of the contest.

Christmas trees being picked up

William R. Britton, Appomattox Town Manager, reminds residents that Christmas Tree pickup is underway.

Trees will be picked up all this week for Town of Appomattox only.

"Please have your trees on property line closest to the street. but not on the street," reminded Britton.

If you have any questions, please call the Appomattox Town Office at 352-8268.

Wright promoted to brigadier general

Air Force Colonel Larry D. Wright, a native of Danville, Va., was selected for promotion to brigadier general by a board that met at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center Nov. 15 - 19.

The board results were announced recently naming Colonel Wright for promotion among 50 officers selected Air Force wide.

Colonel Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Wright of Appomattox, Va., is presently serving as commander of the Military Airlift Command's 438th Wing, he is responsible for overseeing the operations of MAC's largest port of aerial embarkation and debarkation on the East Coast.

The mission of the 438th MAW is to maintain in a constant state of readiness the strategic airlift capability necessary to fulfill all tasks assigned by MAC as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Air Force. The Wing's activities involve global air lift and aerial drops of troops and equipment into combat zones during conflict. In peacetime the 438th supports Department of Defense airlift needs and responds to humanitarian airlift

Col. Larry D. Wright

Colonel Wright was notified of his selection for promotion by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler, 21st Air Force commander, at a Crisis Action Team meeting called to exercise the wing's ability to meet mobility requirements. After being told of his selection, Colonel Wright said, "Each promotion comes one at a time and depends on how well you do your job and the support you get from the people who work with you. I thank everyone in the 438th for their outstanding support and the super job you have done to make this possible.

Colonel Wright assumed command of the 438th MAW in February 1981, and the wing has logged an impressive record of unit and individual achievements under his leadership. The following are some of those achievements: The Cost and Management Analysis office was selected as the best in MAC and its chief was named the command's outstanding civilian analyst of the year. The 438th Supply Squadron's Fuels Branch was named the best in MAC and placed third in the American Petroleum Institute competition. Three Fuels Branch members earned individual MAC Outstanding Fuels Branch Personnel awards.

During the annual Commander's Facility Inspection the base was rated very high and more than 350 people were cited for outstanding appearance.

The wing successfully completed an Operational Readiness Inspection on its first attempt. The Combined Federal Campaign's goal was exceeded in both 1981 and 1982. The wing also exceeded the Air Force Assistance Fund goal for 1982. A McGuire employee received MAC's Suggestion Manager of the Year award for 1981.

The 18th Military Airlift Squadron, one of three active duty squadrons based here, was selected by the New Jersey chapter of the Air Force Association as the AFA's Outstanding Air Force Unit of the Year.

Aircrews from the 438th earned top honors in 1981 and 1982 airlift competitions.

Record amounts of money have been allocated to the base for upgrading facilities since Colonel Wright's assignment here. Major improvements include a new shopping complex, the refurbishing of housing units, dormitories and the dining hall.

Colonel Wright spearheaded a patriotic history and heritage program that includes weekly retreat ceremonies. Retiree and patriotic groups are invited to participate.

Support group to meet

The Appomattox Arthritis Support Group will meet on Tuesday evening, January 11, at 7:30 at the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

A film will be shown. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Wed., Jan. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Among the items on the agenda are the consideration of bids on roof repair projects at the Appomattox Primary School and the Appomattox Elementary School.

The Annual and Six-Year Special Education Plans, and the Annual and Six-Year Vocational Education Plans will be considered.

A report on renovation projects will be given and a review of student orientation and registration for 1983-84 will be heard.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

With new calendars in place and resolutions intact, we are a week into 1983, and holding. Hope all went well with YOU. Seemed to me we had a good old-fashioned holiday week. The rule in our home is to take down Christmas decorations, dispose of wrappings, put gifts received in proper place and be back to normal BEFORE the old year ends. Mission accomplished. Memories, however, are not put into a closet.

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Seemed like there was more football than anything else on holiday TV. I watched part of six games. Just before the Penn State vs. Georgia game began I wrote on my notepad a predicted score of Penn State 24, Georgia 21. Actual score was Penn State 28, Georgia 24. Close enough. And we stayed up to watch the Old Year Out via TV from Times-Square, etc. Seemed to lack the happy spirit and hope of most years. I wrote down that America needs a new song hit, a snappy tune and words to revive us. Surely not "Brother Can You Spare A Dime," but something on the order of "Happy Days Are Here Again."

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Among the visitors during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Cawthorne and Sugar. Who's Sugar? The tiny rat terrier dog of the Cawthornes and the star feature is that Sugar is a SINGING dog! Should be on That's Incredible. On order from Mrs. Cawthorne, Sugar rears back and instead of a howl or bark, he sings a tune.

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Have you noticed that daylight hours are a trifle longer? I wish that the earth cover would clear up so we could see lots of stars again. Saw a full moon one night, but no stars.

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To those in hospitals, confined to quarters by illness, or sorrow, the word is "Thinking of You."

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I cannot be there, but Redd Foxx, the star of "Sanford and Son" will be at the Mosque Theatre in Richmond Jan. 23.

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There were well over 100 fewer highway deaths in Virginia in '82 than in '81. Why have any? Let us aim at a great record for safety in '83. I continue to carry a rabbit's foot in my pocket and although it is showing age, I'm keeping it. However, if one is not alert and careful even a rabbit's foot will not save you.

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Missed the school buses for the holiday period, and glad to see them running again.

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Baseball fans attention: Some say the 1927 New York Yankees were the top team in baseball history. You may not agree, but here was the lineup: Combs,of; Koenig, ss; Ruth, rf; Gehrig, 1b; Meusel, 1f; Lazzari, 2b; Dugan, 3b; Collins, c; Hoyt, lead pitcher. Ah yes, and some say the 1957 model was the greatest Chevrolet and maybe my '63 Ford was Henry's best.

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Happy New Year and thanks for reading. Seeya around.

In Brief.....

Licenses repealed

Effective January 1, 1983, all state license have been repealed and are no longer required by contractors, doctors, certified public accountants, merchants-merchants who sell tobacco products, and all other license that have been required in the past, according to an announcement by Appomattox County Commissioner of Revenue, Monte Mays.

Licenses due

Business license for the Town of Appomattox are now due for 1983. The last day of purchase will be January 31.

"We urge all businesses to purchase early," said William Britton, Appomattox Town Manager, "to avoid last minute rush. If you have any questions, call the town office at 352-8268."

Luncheon set

The Appomattox Woman's Club will have a luncheon meeting on Saturday, January 8 at 12 noon at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Mr. Fred Pearson, Certified Appraiser of Richmond, will speak on County Wide Reassessment, effective 1984.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

A SMILING FACE meeting postal patrons can be found at the Evergreen Post Office. Patricia Stone, a resident of Evergreen, was recently appointed Postmaster of the small Appomattox County post office. Patricia, who is married to Bill Stone, was formerly employed at Tolley's Market in Pamplin.